

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the *non-final* Office Action mailed April 27, 2009 in connection with the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

I. STATUS OF ACTION

Claims 1-8 and 10 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-11 remain under consideration in this application.

II. PRIORITY

Applicants hereby withdraw the claim of benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Amendment to the specification has been made reflecting the same.

III. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants respectfully overcome the rejection through appropriate amendment. No new matter has been added.

IV. INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

Applicants, their attorneys and assignees acknowledge the obligations set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 to disclose information in the manner prescribed by 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 – 1.98.

CONCLUSION

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the above, or if the Examiner feels that any issues may be expedited by a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 04-2223 for any fees that may be due in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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